

HOUSE RESOLUTION 215

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cindy Laughmiller
Shepard of Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Cindy Laughmiller Shepard; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Shepard was a true humanitarian who worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 14, 1955, in Maryville, Ms. Shepard graduated from Alcoa High School in 1973 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, she received an Associate of Science degree in Dental Hygiene from Chattanooga State Technical Community College; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Shepard married the love of her life, Rick Shepard, on September 28, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shepard served with distinction as a dental hygienist in the office of Lee Yount, D.D.S., from 1995 until her retirement in 2021; throughout her tenure, she earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and her patients for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, an intellectual who loved sharing stories with her patients, Cindy Shepard was always current on sports, news, and political events, and she was a huge fan of her alma mater, the University of Tennessee, and the Tennessee VOLS; and

WHEREAS, with a never-ending passion for history, Ms. Shepard belonged to numerous historical societies throughout the South, including Charleston Historical Society, Edisto Island Land Trust, Edisto Island Historical Society, Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia Historical Society, and the National Trust for Historical Preservation; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in her community, Cindy Shepard contributed her time and energies to numerous civic organizations and endeavors, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, New Hope Children's Advocacy Center, A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee, and the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Shepard was an active and devout member of New Providence Presbyterian Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shepard leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Cindy Laughmiller Shepard, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Shepard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.